

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is presented in order to cancel previous claims 31-60, and replace them with new claims 61-74 that are identical to the claims allowed in corresponding Japanese Application JP 2004-017400. The present U.S. application and the JP 2004-017400 application are directed to the same subject matter.

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed concurrently with the filing of a Request for Participation in the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) Program between the JPO and the U.S. PTO. The new claims 61-74 correspond with the claims of the JP 2004-017400 application in accordance with the claims correspondence table filed together with the Request for Participation in the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH).

Respectfully submitted,

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